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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Jeffrey G. Hoekstra	Art Unit 3736

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 April 2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-53 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4 and 6-53 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-3 and 5 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 09 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>20030709, 20041118</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group 1, drawn to claims 1-19, Species A, drawn to Figure 1, Species AA, drawn to Figure 3, and Species AAA, drawn to Figure 7, in the reply filed on 04/09/2007 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 6-53 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 04/09/2007.
3. The Examiner notes claims 4 and 6-18 are withdrawn without traverse pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to nonelected invention(s) as they appear to claim the subject matter of at least nonelected Figures 2, 6A, 6B, and 8-11.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statement(s) (IDS) submitted on 07/09/2003 and 11/18/2004 is/are acknowledged. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. Accordingly, the examiner is considering the information disclosure statement(s).
5. The Examiner notes Foreign Patent Document Citation Number 1 in the IDS filed 11/18/2004 was not considered as a translation did not accompany the Foreign Reference submission. Applicant is encouraged to submit a translation of at least the Abstract for consideration of the reference.

Specification

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6. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Zwanziger et al. (WO 95/33996, hereinafter Zwanziger) as broadly as claimed.

9. Zwanziger discloses a diagnostic and directed medication system (Abstract) comprising:

- a genomics-based drug metabolism test component (1) comprising a medical sample receiving apparatus (2) configured to receive a user's biological sample (page 3 lines 14-23) for determining the presence of one or more predefined drug metabolism markers (page 8 line 27 – page 9 line 20) via a detection reagent (page 3 lines 18-31), wherein said markers are enzymes (the proteins passivity recited at page 7 lines 17-24); and
- a prescription instruction component (page 2 lines 1-10 and Abstract) comprising two instructions that direct a user to perform the genomics-based drug metabolism

test (page 2 lines 1-6) and to obtain a customized medical therapy based on the results of said drug metabolism test component (page 2 lines 6-10).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey G. Hoekstra whose telephone number is (571) 272-7232. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on (571) 272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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